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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CONSULTATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA

REF: (A) STATE 10143, (B) 77 WELLINGTON 05920

1. BECAUSE OF HOLIDAYS AND PRIOR TRANSFER OF KEY PERSONNEL TO HIGH-PRIORITY REVIEW OF DOMESTIC AIRLINES POLICY, AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED SLOWLY IN ITS REVIEW OF CONTINENTAL ROUTE FILING. THIS IS IN SOME WAYS TO OUR ADVANTAGE, AS IMMEDIATE REACTION OF AVIATION OFFICIALS UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE MORE NEGATIVE THAN AFTER MORE DELIBERATE CONSIDERATION. EMBASSY HAS ACCORDINGLY ADOPTED A VERY LOW PROFILE AS GOA OFFICIALS SORT THE MATTER OUT.

2. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIVISION OF DEPT OF TRANSPORT ADVISES THAT THEY EXPECT TO HAVE REACHED A DECISION ON CONTINENTAL BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. EMBASSY HAS ACCORDINGLY NOT FORMALLY PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS FOR CANBERRA/MELBOURNE STARTING ON FEBRUARY 13, BUT HAS MERELY LEFT THIS DATE WITH THE AUSTRALIANS AS BEING, FROM OUR STANDPOINT, A CONVENIENT TIME SHOULD THEY WISH TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS.

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3. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT FROM SCHEDULING STANDPOINT FOR WASHINGTON TRAVEL IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO PIN DOWN A DATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE MORE TO GAIN BY NOT SEEKING TO RUSH THE PACE. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT IF AUSTRALIANS REQUEST CONSULTATIONS, IT IS LIKELY THAT THEY WILL BE AGREEABLE TO FEBRUARY 13.  
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